



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly takes pride in recognizing
3 the accomplishments and contributions of Illinois officials
4 and citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, Tobias G. Barry grew up in Bureau County, and
6 after graduation from St. Bede Academy in Peru, served in the
7 Navy in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1946; he graduated
8 from LaSalle-Peru-Ogelsby Junior College and received his
9 Bachelor of Philosophy degree from Marquette University and his
10 law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School in
11 1952; and

12 WHEREAS, He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1952; he
13 practiced law for more than 30 years; in 1960, he was elected
14 to the Illinois House of Representatives, known as Tobias
15 "Toby" Barry, where he served for 14 years; and

16 WHEREAS, As a legislator, after many years of effort
17 through several administrations, Representative Barry, with
18 the aid of Representative "Zeke" Giorgi, was instrumental in
19 getting Illinois Interstate 39 built; and

20 WHEREAS, In December 1974, he resigned his position with
21 the Illinois House of Representatives to assume the position of
22 an Appellate Judge in the Third Judicial District, to which he
23 was elected; in 1994, he retired from the bench and resumed
24 private practice with the law firm of Aplington, Kaufman,
25 McClintock, Steele, and Barry, Ltd., in LaSalle, Illinois; and

26 WHEREAS, Justice Barry is the recipient of numerous honors
27 and plaudits, including the Lifetime Service Award from the
28 Illinois Judges Association; and

29 WHEREAS, In December 2002, Justice Barry was asked by the

1 Supreme Court to return to the Third District Appellate Court
2 bench to fill a vacancy where he continues to serve; therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that Interstate 39 from LaSalle-Peru
7 to the Zeke Giorgi Highway is hereby designated as the Tobias
8 "Toby" Barry Highway; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
10 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
11 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
12 giving notice to the name; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 presented to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of
15 Transportation, to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
16 Transportation, and to Justice Tobias G. Barry.